



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Forty days, Lord. Forty days we seek to follow you closely, serve you humbly, praise you fully. Take what we bring, bless our gifts, break our expectations, use our discipline, and remake us in ways that show your glory to the world. Send your Spirit so that when we come to Jerusalem, we are still with you, knowing that in the end is our beginning. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PALM PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna to the King

Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

Hosanna to the King of Kings. Hosanna, let the praises ring.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna to the King of Kings.

Congregation and Choirs

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The Victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

Hosanna in the highest, that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

The Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna to the King!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the midst of our wilderness journey, proclaim,
Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Jill Duffield,
editor,
Presbyterian
Outlook

Psalm 103:8

***PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Valet will ich dir geben

*CALL TO CONFESSION *Lord, Have Mercy* hymnal, page 551

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Merciful God, you fill us with your Holy Spirit, and prepare us for the wilderness. Yet we become famished in search of worldly satisfaction. You strengthen us for the journey, but we succumb to the temptations whirling around us. Forgive us Lord, for we are broken.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.

Kyrie eleison is a Greek phrase from Scripture which translates to *Lord, have mercy upon me.*

This is a prayer that has been used in the church for many centuries.

Glory to God hymnal page 447

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Presentation

*Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* hymnal, page 35

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Bibles

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the King!

Dan Forrest

Hosanna to the King! Hosanna!

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days. Minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 19:28-40](#)

Pew Bible, page 78

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wilderness

Reverend Drumheller

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Georg F. Kaufmann

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A common
response, upon
receiving the gifts
of bread and cup is,
Thanks be to God.

LITANY FOR THE PASSION

(see bulletin insert)

Catherine Moeller and Andy McLeod, readers

Litany for The Passion

Leader: Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even unto death.

Voice 1: And going on a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, *My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.*

People: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Leader: Christ our hope, you were despised and denied, left alone in your hour of need.

Voice 2: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, *Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, *I do not know the man!* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: *Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.* And he went out and wept bitterly.

People: Help us stay true to our faith in you.

Leader: Christ our strength, you endured the depths of pain and humiliation at the hands of sinners like us.

Voice 1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his hand and mocked him, saying, *Hail, King of the Jews!*

People: Show us how you conquered not in strength, but in weakness.

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms.

Voice 2: When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) they offered him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots.

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

Voice 1: And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split.

People: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

Voice 2: Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earth quake and what took place, they were terrified and said, *Truly this man was God's Son!*

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace. Amen.

We close this Palm Sunday worship service by looking forward into Holy Week toward Good Friday. We remember the last moments of Christ's life and reflect on the pain and suffering of Jesus.

ANTHEM *Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs* Lloyd Larson

**He was wounded for us and bruised for our iniquities.
The chastisement fell upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.
Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, yet He opened not His mouth.**

**Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgement has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

*BENEDICTION

*All who are able may stand.

We are grateful for your presence with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Grant Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ and those who want to trust him more. Gluten-free elements will be available at the serving stations at the front of the sanctuary.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today (April 14). The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jackson Palmer, Jeff Robertson, and Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Steve Coats; Jim Marshall **Nursery:** TBD **Kids Care Crew:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Children's Church:** Lynn Poplin

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Davis Fort (home), Terry Morgan (recovering from knee surgery), Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

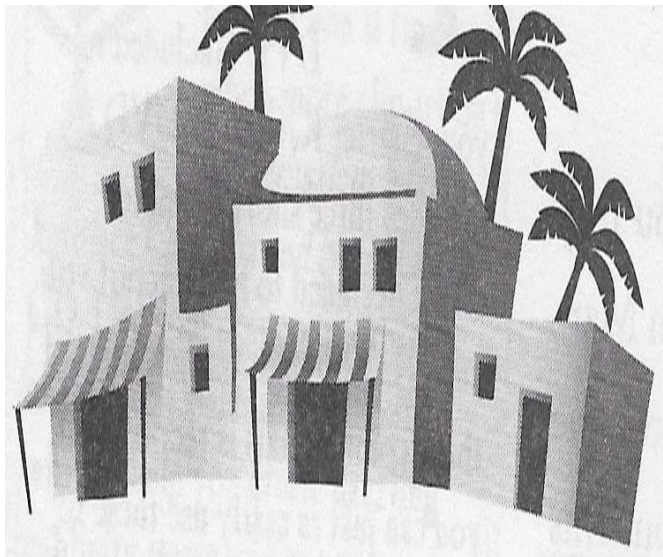
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Graham Chapman, son of Anissa & Chris Chapman.
- Katherine Jolly, daughter of Liz & Ben Jolly.
- Maci Holshouser, daughter of Terri & Ross Holshouser.
- Andy McLeod, son of Laura & Mike McLeod.
- Ethan Richards, son of Sherrie & Brett Richards.

Thanks to Al Andrew, Rebekah Ayscue, Steve Cumming, Jim Hesley, Ken Knight, Dona Lisk, and Ellen Whitley for their leadership roles to the 2019 Confirmation Class.

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 20

Overnight campers and afternoon/evening guests are welcome to gather at group campsites 5 & 6 for fellowship and fun! Bring and/or cook your own dinner on Saturday afternoon, April 20. Supplies for s'mores will be provided. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or kbknight17@gmail.com) for more information. We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.



Jerusalem
Market Place 2019
Sunday, April 14
9:30 a.m. in the gym

...go back in time and experience the shops and the cuisine representative of the times.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT CITY LAKE PARK
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



The youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt for congregation families at City Lake Park on Palm Sunday. Come enjoy some time outside, join in fellowship and food, and maybe find some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share. Bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!



Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 14

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00**, and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 14**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 14 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

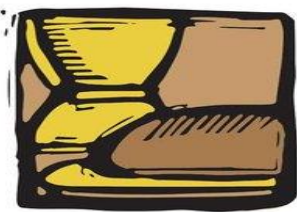
In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday (April 14)

9:30 a.m. Marketplace

The fun for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. We'll experience many of the same sights, sounds, and aromas of the Marketplace in Jesus' day. There will be morsels to nibble, costumes to wear, stories to hear, baby animals to hug, bead and clay crafts, and much more. This is Christian Education fun for the whole family. At the conclusion of the Marketplace, we will process into the sanctuary with palms.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade and the presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Just for fun! Come to City Lake Park where there will be an Easter egg hunt for children (1 year old-grade 5) and fellowship for everyone. Egg hunters are encouraged to bring their baskets. Hot dogs off the grill will be supplemented by the chips/drinks each family is asked to contribute.

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Perk & Pray

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday (April 18) in the Pit Stop at 5:30 p.m. **Please note time change.

Bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal, and then hear the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples. We will share the Lord's Supper around the tables with the story of the night told in the voices of several of the disciples. This is a family-friendly meal and worship.

Good Friday (April 19)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.



OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN
A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER
TUESDAY, APRIL 16 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP
(126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)

Topic: Stigma & Recovery Messaging

Speaker:

Delton Russell, Director of Development & Community Programs at Will's Place

Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert provided!

Bread for the World

Better Nutrition...Better Tomorrow

Has any progress been made in reducing stunting and child deaths? Yes! Since 1990, the number of child deaths related to malnutrition has been cut in half and the percentage of children ages 5 who are stunted has dropped from 40% to 22.9%.

The U.S. government has been a longstanding global leader in efforts to scale up nutrition interventions. Our government has worked with developing countries to increase access to lifesaving, cost-effective, and evidence-based solutions. For example, stunting in Ghana was reduced by one-third in just six years between 2008 and 2014 by applying evidence-based solutions. Also, a U.S. government program in Guatemala is helping children grow and learn.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.



HE IS RISEN

Celebrate the Resurrection!

Easter
Sunday
April 21

6:30 a.m. Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate Easter with the rising of the sun! We'll be joined by the congregation of Bethany United Methodist Church for our resurrection worship. Be sure to dress for the weather and plan to enjoy a light breakfast after worship provided by the Fellowship Committee.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m. Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You
shall be
called
repairers
of the
breach

— ISAIAH 58



In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge —to open our doors and share what we have with those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share.

“Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?...

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.”

— ISAIAH 58



**Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to open our doors;
to repair the breach.**

Open Doors, Open Hearts

All around the world we see people whose homes and even loved ones have been washed away by hurricanes and floods, people trapped in systems of injustice and oppression, and people who will go to bed tonight hungry or without a roof over their heads.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) lets us come together to open our doors — as well as our hearts — to share the love of Christ through our ministries of justice, compassion, and joy.

OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restorers of Streets to Live In

- ✦ Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share your Bread with the Hungry

- ✦ Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice

- ✦ Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills

**JOIN WITH
PRESBYTERIANS
WORLDWIDE IN
ANSWERING
GOD'S CALL.**

**IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- ✦ Through your congregation
- ✦ Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- ✦ Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit www.pcusa.org/oghs



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday/Marketplace/Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers participate in worship/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Deadline for Easter Lilies

9:30 am *Marketplace (Gym)
11:00 am *Worship
4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout (City Lake Park)

Monday, April 15

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 16

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
12:00 pm Opioid Lunch & Learn (Pit Stop)

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
10:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Meal & Worship (Pit Stop)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
10:30 am CrossWalk
12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 21

Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
9:45 am *Sunday School
11:00 am *Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

14-Anissa Chapman
Paul Hinkle
17-David Kilde
18-Elizabeth Wilson
19-Cooper Atwater
20-Peggy Finley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

16-Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
19-Robert & Myra Land

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR APRIL

Canned Meat

Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon